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THE WEATHER

Fair to-day and to-morrow; moderate
to fresh north and north-
east winds
Full Report on Page Sixteen

FIVE CENTS In Manhattan, Brooklyn, and The Bronx

More Than 1,000 Are Drowned in Floods in Colorado: 500 Dead, Damage Is \$10,000,000, in Pueblo Alone

City Probers Hint Graft in \$15,000 Deal

Check Alleged to Have
Been Paid Member of
Hylan's Tammany-Controlled Estimate Board

All Contracts To Be Scrutinized

Docks, License Depart-
ments and Boroughs
Will Be Investigated

The legislative graft investigating committee yesterday obtained possession of a check said to show the payment of \$15,000 to a member of the Hylan-Tammany controlled Board of Estimate.

The \$15,000 is said to be the city's share of moneys taken from the public treasury in one of a long series of graft transactions.

Another check, for about \$9,000, also in the hands of the committee, was made payable to a man whose name is withheld, but who is believed by the graft hunters to be a Tammany collector.

Secrecy Surrounds Findings

Considerable secrecy enveloped these transactions, none of the members of the joint legislative committee being willing to talk about them for publication. Little more than the bare admission that such checks were in their possession was made by any one connected with the committee.

The committee yesterday began a systematic examination of all contracts entered into by the city administration since it went into the control of Hearst, Hylan and Murphy, together with an investigation of the Dock Department and the Department of Licenses. It is said that the investigation of the two departments named will lead to sensational developments.

This investigation will be complementary to the probe into the bank accounts of prominent officials of the city, including all of the members of the Board of Estimate, all the commissioners, except Mayor Hylan and all the deputy commissioners.

The investigation into the contracts will be divided into five parts, each of which will be taken up separately. The first, through to be probed will be the contracts of Maurice E. Connolly, President.

Subpoenas were served on Comptroller Hylan yesterday calling upon him to produce certain books and documents in his possession. A blank subpoena was also issued upon the Comptroller to turn over to the committee all records he has of examinations of inspectors, engineers and assistant engineers on the staffs of the five borough presidents.

Plur Leases Under Inquiry

The committee also began an investigation into certain pier leases and into transactions involving the Police Department.

It became known that the investigators were on the trail of the Dock Department, Murray Hulbert, Commissioner of Docks, and John W. Hylan, Corporation Counsel, had a conference with Mayor Hylan at the city hall which lasted until the Mayor departed for the day.

During the day the Mayor's chum, David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, refused to assign Porter F. Allen, an examiner in his office, to assist the joint legislative committee in tabulating data on corporate stock transactions during the last four years.

In his letter to Senator Schuyler M. Hylan, chairman of the committee, referring to the assignment of Allen, Hirschfeld said that Allen, who is a close friend of the Mayor, would more cheerfully furnish the desired information.

This refusal of Hirschfeld, who gives as his reason for not cooperating with the committee that the examination of corporate stock transactions is a matter of public record, will be taken up by the committee on Monday and in all likelihood will be taken into the courts and the treatment of Hirschfeld for contempt sought.

Return of Documents Asked

Isaac Goldberg, a manufacturer of silk slippers at 43 East Tenth Street, yesterday obtained an order from Supreme Court Justice Tierney directing the committee to show cause why the documents should not be returned to him.

Goldberg said that he had been asked to check books, vouchers and bank books and other documents which the committee had taken from him.

On Your Vacation

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Bursting Dam Now Menaces Colo. Springs

Eight-Foot Wall of Water
Reported Sweeping on
Resort City; Residence
Sections in Its Path

Train Overturned In Pueblo Yards

Aviator Finds the Stricken
City in Complete Chaos;
Ruins Still Smolder

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., June 4.—Following the breaking of the dam at the Cheyenne Reservoir, southwest of here, an eight-foot wall of water reported rushing toward this city. The Stratton Park residential section and a large tent colony in the southwest part of the city are directly in the path of the flood, and it is feared the entire section may be wiped out.

Several houses near the huge reservoir already have been washed from their foundations, and the water is spreading over a vast area. The reservoir is one of the largest in the vicinity of this city. It is fed by mountain streams and is used to supply water for the city.

Chaos Reigns in City

The entire business district of Pueblo is inundated and the residence sections in the north and northeastern parts of the city are flooded, according to Ford C. Frick, of Colorado Springs, who returned here at 2 o'clock this afternoon after an airplane flight to the stricken city.

Frick reported he was unable to land because of weather conditions. From his viewpoint, at an altitude of 1,000 feet above the city, he said he could see smoldering ruins of burned buildings, floating debris of all descriptions and boats and rafts plying here and there in the flooded streets and alleys.

The southern portion of the city, Frick said, did not appear to have suffered any considerable damage, but people were rushing back and forth in the streets and motor cars were scurrying in all directions. Complete chaos reigned, so far as he could determine, Frick declared.

Passenger Train Overturned

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
DENVER, Colo., June 4.—The overturning of a Denver & Rio Grande passenger train with 150 passengers on board in the railroad yards at Pueblo early this morning was one of the outstanding features of the flood there as far as railroad traffic is concerned. Several passengers are missing and the first dispatch concerning the disaster says the engine cannot be found. Whether the engine plunged over the viaduct or was disconnected and ran on ahead is not known. The passengers were removed to the Nuckolls packing plant, where physicians hastily summoned attended to the injured. The train left Denver at 3:55 p. m. yesterday, carrying 150 passengers, largely excursionists to the Pacific Coast, and arrived in Pueblo shortly after scheduled time at 7:55 p. m.

There the gathering damage wrought by the Arkansas River, including the washing away of the Denver and Rio Grande Missouri Pacific bridges, stopped the train. When the water stood eight inches on the floor of the Union Station and the swift flowing current through the yards was toppling over line after line of cars as the tracks would become undermined on either side, it was decided to remove the passenger train and its passengers to high ground near the steel mills at Minnesota.

Miles of Line Washed Out

A heavy yard engine was attached to the train and the pull through to water-covered tracks started. A mile of uphill pull followed over the "C" street viaduct. Just before reaching the Missouri Pacific crossing the train sagged sideways as the tracks gave way and slowly turned over until it rested on its side on the ground.

Reports far more extensive indicate none of the passengers yet found was seriously injured.

Miles of railroad track were washed away in northern Colorado and around Pueblo. Big coal mines in the northern fields were flooded. Highways were made impassable when scores of bridges were swept away by the torrent.

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Cuba's Oldest Bank Calls On Government for Aid

El Banco Espanol Asks Intervention by Federal Liquidation Board

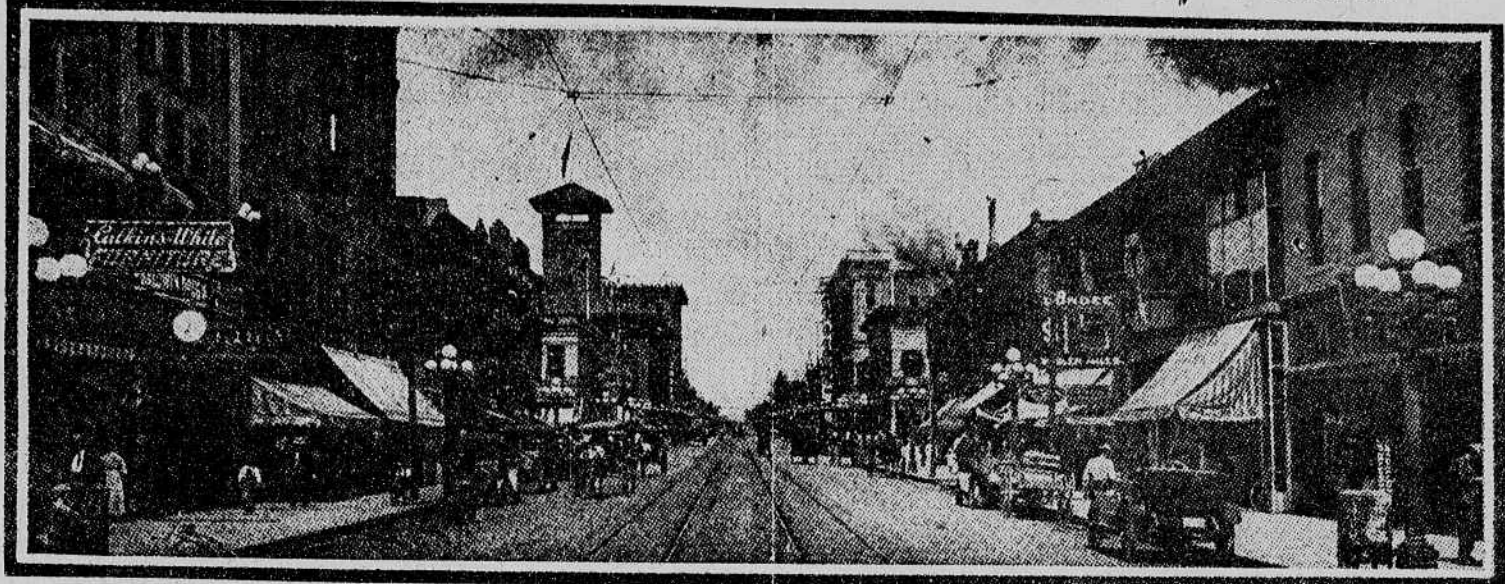
HAVANA, June 4.—El Banco Espanol de la Isla de Cuba, oldest and at one time the most powerful Cuban banking institution, formally asked intervention by the Federal Bank Liquidation Commission this evening, according to El Mundo.

The newspaper to-morrow will publish a communication from the Treasury Department containing the news of the bank's action.

The bank has sixty-branches in Cuba, has banking connections in all parts of the world, and has been the financial support of scores of Cuban industrial enterprises.

HOMESTEAD, Virginia Hot Springs, Kentucky, famous for its golf courses, tennis, exhilarating climate. Bookings Rita-Carlton.—Adv.

Scene in Flood-Swept Business Section of Pueblo



Map of the Flood District

Harding Visits Knox on First Pleasure Trip

Eats Lunch by Wayside in
Holiday Style and Later
Shakes Hands With Several
Hundred Children

To Have Historic Rooms

Will Deliver Address To-
day at Washington Memorial
in Valley Forge

VALLEY FORGE, Pa., June 4.—Making his first pleasure trip away from Washington since his inauguration, President Harding motored to Valley Forge to-day for a Sunday's visit at the country estate of Senator Philander C. Knox.

The President set out on his journey in true holiday style, even bringing his luncheon and eating it like any motor tourist along the way, but the responsibilities of his position were not long in overtaking him. Before he had been a half-hour at his destination he had shaken hands with several hundred school children who came to serenade him, and had promised to make a public address to-morrow at the Washington memorial chapel at the historic Valley Forge camping grounds.

140-Mile Trip

Accompanied by Mrs. Harding, Senator Knox, Secretary Christian and Brigadier General Sawyer, his physician, the President left Washington at 8:30 this morning and arrived at the Knox home at 3:15 p. m. after a 140-mile run over the Maryland and Pennsylvania Pikes. An hour after his arrival he got away for a golf game at the Phoenixville Country Club, and then spent the evening quietly with his host.

Besides attending the memorial chapel services to-morrow, the President and his party will have luncheon at the Knox home with Senator Penrose and Governor Sproul of this state.

Along most of the way here from the capital, the big limousine bearing the Presidential coat of arms passed unnoticed in the stream of varied traffic. It threaded a path through the downtown section of Baltimore without receiving a single sign of recognition.

The stop for lunch was made at 11:30, where the roadway swings close to the Susquehanna River near Conowingo, Md. The veranda of a tea house overlooking the Susquehanna Rapids was chosen for the picnic grounds.

Picked Wild Flowers

After the meal the President lingered to pet and feed a bull terrier puppy to the tea house guest, while Mrs. Harding strolled along the river bank and picked a bouquet of daisies and anemones.

The school children who welcomed the President on his arrival at Valley Forge had come from Philadelphia for a picnic in the valley. He bowed and waved his hand to them, but they were not satisfied, and a few minutes later romped across the spacious Knox lawn demanding a "handshake." Both the President and Mrs. Harding came out and greeted each one. Then, by way of a farewell, the children sang several patriotic songs and gave three cheers for the Chief Executive and his wife.

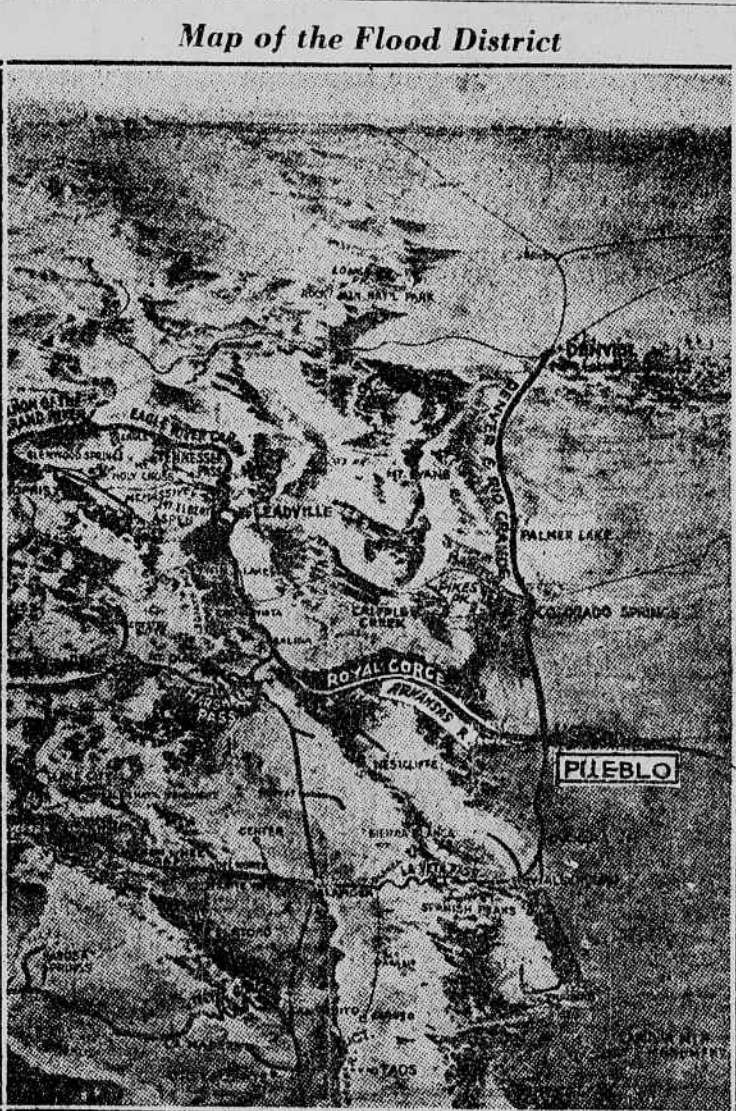
During their stay at Valley Forge (Continued on page seven)

Lloyd George Won't Make More Offers to Miners

Letter to Union Secretary Says
Aid to Men Hardest Hit
Cannot Be Prolonged

LONDON, June 4.—Regret that the British coal miners have rejected the latest government offer for a settlement of the coal strike was expressed in a letter to-day from Prime Minister Lloyd George to Frank Hoegge, secretary of the Coal Miners' Union. The Premier wrote that he had nothing further to propose.

In his letter Mr. Lloyd George said that the grant of £10,000,000 which government was prepared to make to ease the difficulties of the men in the hardest hit districts could not be prolonged more than another fortnight. This offer, the letter said, had been made with considerable misgiving, owing to the severe burdens on other industries and taxpayers, and that a fortnight should give the men sufficient time to ballot on the proposal or reach a settlement some other way.



Boy With 7 Buckshot in Heart Museles Roms Out of Hospital

PATERSON, N. J., June 4.—Twelve-year-old Lawrence Satterfield, of Bloomington, N. J., was discharged to-day from Paterson General Hospital, apparently as well and as playful as ever in spite of the fact that he still carried in his heart muscles seven buckshot slugs. He received his wound May 1 from the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of a small cousin.

X-ray photographs made just prior to the boy's discharge showed that the bullets still were embedded in the muscular tissue of the heart in the same position they occupied when his life was despaired of a month ago. In spite of his apparent soundness surgeons were inclined to urge him to remain a little longer, but Lawrence said he was tired of staying indoors.

"When this little fellow first was brought in," said Dr. Samuel Thompson, of the hospital staff, "he hovered between life and death for several days. When he left here he apparently was none the worse for his accident. I regard his case as one of the most remarkable that has occurred in Passaic County within my memory."

Lawrence and his cousins, Thompson Totman, six years old, and William Yattman, fourteen, were seeking amusement at the Yattman home in Bloomington Sunday, May 1. It was the youthful Thompson who discovered the shotgun, a venerable weapon which had been discarded long ago and relegated to the barn.

It was all Thompson could do to lift the piece to his shoulder, but he claimed his right of discovery and the older boys recognized it. When the outlaws took shelter in the haymow it was Sheriff Thompson Totman who trailed them remorselessly, dragging his long rifle painfully but proudly behind him.

Some projection caught the hammer of the gun, drew it back and discharged the weapon. Most of the charge struck Otway Lawrence Satterfield in the breast, but two of the bullets lodged in the leg of his fellow desperado, William Yattman.

Both of the injured boys were taken to Paterson General Hospital, and although William's wound never was regarded as endangering his life, he still is a patient there.

Only the calmness of one passenger, who called out: "It's only a child with a slight cut in his head," stopped the rush for the doors, which might have kept the boy's body in the car indefinitely when the Pacific Street station was reached.

The lad was removed to the Holy Family Hospital, where physicians said he would not recover.

Pueblo a Sea Of Mud Viewed From Airplane

City Scarcely Recognizable
on Account of the Huge
Masses of Debris; Split
Into Halves by Torrent

All Suburbs Devastated

Refugees Tell of Appalling
Conditions; Search for
Bodies Has Barely Begun

DENVER, June 4.—An airplane view of the Pueblo flood disaster was brought to Denver late to-day by William A. Kimsey, pilot, who flew to Pueblo with staff correspondents of The Associated Press and The Rocky Mountain News.

After circling above the stricken city to make an accurate appraisal of the havoc wrought by the flood, Kimsey and his passengers landed in the outskirts of Pueblo, the first persons from the outside world to reach the scene of the catastrophe.

Following his return to Denver after a daring flight, much of which was accomplished through low-hanging clouds which obscured the earth completely at times, Kimsey detailed the conditions at Pueblo as he saw them from the air and he heard of them from refugees who flocked about his plane after he landed at the state fair grounds.

Business District Sea of Mud
"From an altitude of about 1,000 feet," said Kimsey, "the business district of Pueblo looked like a sea of mud and water. The district, which I know well from other flights over the city, was hardly recognizable on account of vast piles of debris."

"The railroad station stood out as an island in a lake, but the tracks were completely submerged and cars could be seen floating about. The waters of the Arkansas were backed up on the right bank for what appeared to be several blocks and that section of the city, the depot and the approximate vicinity of the Vaile Hotel was submerged."

"All of the outlying districts of the lowlands appeared utterly devastated for miles around there was nothing but a vast expanse of mud dotted here and there by houses perched at some odd angle."

"I didn't leave my plane after I landed in this city, but a number of residents told me of the horrible conditions and verified my aerial observations. They said that there had been no chance to begin a search for the dead and the missing, but that the police lines were being formed fairly well and the situation which for hours was one of panic and wanton destruction by looters was getting more controllable."

All Bridges Wiped Out

"Between Pueblo and Colorado Springs all of the bridges as far as I could observe were washed out and the flooded city was entirely cut off to the north. Although I did not go south of Pueblo I could not see any bridges in commission in any direction out of the city."

"When we got to Pueblo the city was cut right in half by the flood and it appeared impossible for those on one bank of the Arkansas to reach those on the other, a situation which (Continued on next page)

"So Long Pete" Loots Another Newark Home

"Got No. 2." Reads Note He
Left Behind After Robbing
Child's Bank

"So Long Pete," an elusive sneak thief, has the Newark police on their toes.

He enters a house by means of a key and, after ransacking the rooms, takes valuables which are easy to carry and then departs, leaving the following note: "So long, Pete."

His first appearance was reported to the police Friday by Mrs. Sidney Wood, of 193 North Eleventh Street. When she returned from a shopping tour she found her home in a topsy-turvy condition. On a table she found the note.

People, Overwhelmed in the Rush of Water, Drown Pitiably in Darkness

Flames Add Misery; Isolation Complete

Cloudbursts Deluge Towns in Valleys; Fatalities First Es- timated at 3,000

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

DENVER, Colo., June 4.—Cloudbursts of unprecedented violence deluged whole sections of Colorado yesterday, drowning more than 1,000 persons, according to estimates made here to-night on incomplete information from the flood-swept area.

In Pueblo alone 500 persons lost their lives. Other towns which were flooded and in which there is believed to have been considerable loss of life are Lafayette, Erie, Firestone, Dacona, Frederick, Longmont and Superior. Hundreds of farms in northern Colorado have been flooded and the property loss there will run into the millions.

Automobile Paul Reveres gave warning of the flood to residents of Lafayette and Erie, but in many cases the warnings were disregarded. Residents of Erie were confident the dam one and one-half miles south of the town would check the flood. The dam held, but the waters rushed around it and inundated the town.

Fire Follows Flood in Pueblo

PUEBLO, Colo., June 4.—Five hundred persons lost their lives in this city and it is believed there were many additional deaths in other parts of Colorado last night and early to-day, when overflowing streams swept through cities, towns and villages in the mountain region east of the Rockies. First reports placed the number of dead as high as 3,000, but as the flood waters receded it developed that these figures were exaggerated. Many persons believed to have perished were found to have escaped.

In Pueblo the flood was caused by the overflowing of the Arkansas and Fountain rivers at 1:45 o'clock this morning. The great mass of water hurled itself through the city, reaching a depth in some sections of fifteen feet.

Almost immediately fires were started by lightning in various parts of the city. Eventually, the main business section was destroyed and some residence sections in the lowlands were demolished.

The property damage in Pueblo is estimated at \$10,000,000.

Men who escaped from the flood spent the remainder of the night rescuing women and children, or attempting to check the many fires.

Rescuers Work in Darkness

The flood had put the electric lighting, water and traction services out of commission, and the work of rescue was accordingly handicapped by darkness and lack of means of communication. Telegraph lines also were swept away, and washouts put a stop to train service into and out of the city. Railroad officials believe it will be ten days or two weeks before train service into Pueblo can be resumed, because of the bridges being washed away.

Although telegraph service has been partly restored, it is impossible to give even an estimate of loss of life in other sections of the flood area. There are three morgues in Pueblo. One is located on the north side, where bodies are being taken. Two others have been set up on the south side of the city, where bodies will be taken as soon as conditions permit.

At 3:30 p. m. 132 bodies had been taken from the flooded district. The entire eastern and southern sections were cut off from the business section.

The Red Cross organized to aid sufferers and C. W. Lee was named official food administrator to have charge of rationing the food available in the city.

The whole business portion of Pueblo was under six to eight feet of water this morning, but by afternoon the flood had begun to recede, disclosing a scene of devastation.

The flooded section of Pueblo is described as extending from Second Street to the mesa. It contains a large portion of the business district.

Fire Whistles Sound Warning

Beginning shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Pueblo's fire whistles sounded the flood alarm. At that hour both the Arkansas and the Fountain were rising rapidly from the cloudbursts that prevailed during the day. Hundreds of persons took warning and, gathering a few belongings, sought safety in the hills around the city. Others paid no attention to the warning. Many of these paid with their lives.

The floods swept into the city proper about 7 o'clock. Police and guards drove the crowds back from the main bridges where the people had taken refuge. In half an hour water was pouring over the top of the railings of bridges and the main business section was inundated. Streetcars stopped, electric lights went out.

In the darkness could be heard the roar of the on rushing waters and the crash of falling buildings. A rain was falling to add to the discomfort. Here and there with the flashes of lightning, spectators could see small houses floating about. Over in the railroad yards passenger coaches and other car equipment lay overturned. And out of the night came the cries of the stricken women and children, all appealing for help.

Lives Risked in Rescue Work

Scores of strong men risked their lives to bring women and children to safety. The Colorado Rangers, the police and Troop C of the Colorado National Guard bent to the work of rescue. Scores of persons alive in Pueblo to-night owe their lives to the bravery of the men of these organizations and scores of volunteers.

Then came the fires. A flash of lightning burst. There was a crash, and in the light of the next flash a building was disclosed in flames. There was no water to combat the blaze. So it swept on. It swept through the Florman Paint Company plant, the gas plant, the ice plant; moved down two big garages in its path, and then attacked the yards of the King Investment and Lumber Company. All were laid in waste.

The railroad yards were left filled with mud-covered debris and broken and overturned equipment, carrying the damages there alone to